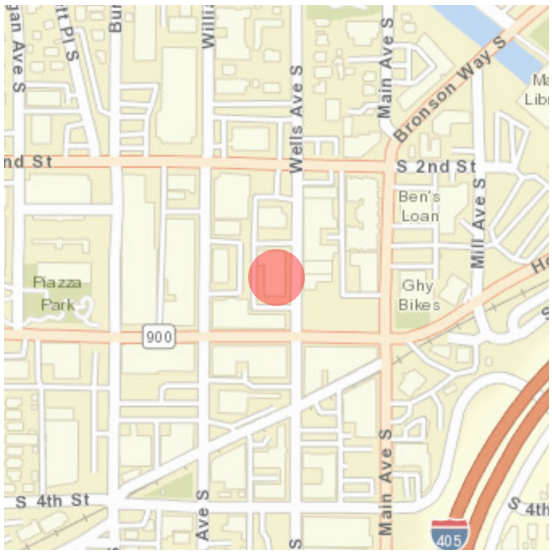
Historic Property Report

Historic Name: Renton City Hall

Property ID: 341482

Location



Address: 227 WELLS AVE S, RENTON, WA

Tax No/Parcel No: 7231501910

Plat/Block/Lot: RENTON TOWN OF LESS W 10 FT

Geographic Areas: King County, RENTON Quadrangle, King County Certified Local Government, T23R05E17, Congressional District 9, 11

Information

Number of stories:

Construction Dates:

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1924	☐

Historic Use:

Category	Subcategory
Government	Government - City Hall
Government	Government - City Hall

Historic Context:

Category
Architecture

Architect/Engineer:

Category	Name or Company

Thematics:

Local Registers and Districts

Name	Date Listed	Notes

Project History

Project Number, Organization, Project Name	Resource Inventory	SHPO Determination	SHPO Determined By, Determined Date
2011-07-00111, , Assessors Data Project: King County E		Not Determined	
2024-01-00615, , Downtown Renton RLS		Survey/Inventory	

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Photos

East facade.

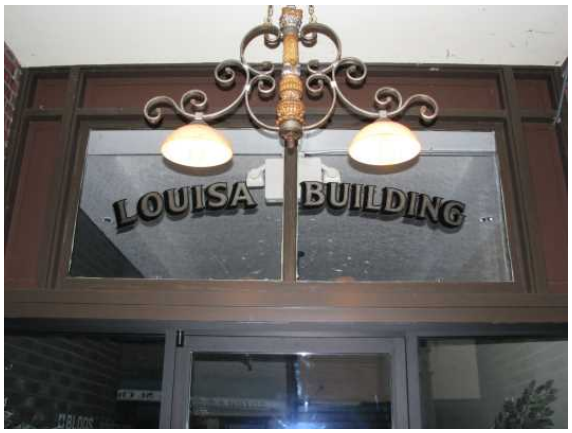
West facade.

Renton City Hall pre-1955 2006.001.12016.jpg

Renton City Hall circa 1925 RHM 41.3296.jpg

The Louisa Building former City Hall-Fire Station under renovation 29 June 2009 The circa 1955 green tiles are being removed RHM.jpg

The transome of Renton's Old City Hall still reads Louisa Building Umberto Barei renamed the building for one of his daughters in the 1950s 2 June 2010 RHM.jpg



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Inventory Details - 7/2/2011

Common name:

Date recorded: 7/2/2011

Field Recorder: Artifacts Consulting, Inc.

Field Site number: 7231501910

SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category	Item
Form Type	Commercial

Surveyor Opinion

Significance narrative: Data included on this historic property inventory form (HPI) detail stemmed from County Assessor building records imported by the Washington State Department of Archaeology of Historic Preservation (DAHP) into WISAARD in 2011. This upload reduces data entry burden on community volunteers and historical societies participating in the survey and inventory of their communities. The intent of this project is directed specifically to facilitating community and public involvement in stewardship, increasing data accuracy, and providing a versatile planning tool to Certified Local Governments (CLGs).

Project methodology entailed use of the University of Washington's State Parcel Database (http://depts.washington.edu/wagis/projects/parcels/development.php) to provide the base parcel layer for CLGs. Filtering of building data collected from each county trimmed out all properties built after 1969, as well as all current, previously inventoried properties. Translation of building data descriptors to match fields in HPI allowed the data upload. Calculation of point locations utilized the center of each parcel. Data on this detail provides a snapshot of building information as of 2011. A detailed project methodology description resides with DAHP. Project team members: Historic Preservation Northwest, GeoEngineers, and Artifacts Consulting, Inc. (project lead).

Physical description: The building at 227 Wells Avenue S, Renton, is located in King County. According to the county assessor, the structure was built in 1924 and is a commercial business. Also according to the county assessor, the structure was remodeled in 1979. The 2-story building has a commercial form.

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Inventory Details - 1/31/2024

Common name:

Date recorded: 1/31/2024

Field Recorder: Katie Pratt, Spencer Howard

Field Site number:

SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category	Item
Foundation	Concrete - Poured
Form Type	Commercial - Two-Part Block
Roof Type	Flat with Parapet
Roof Material	Asphalt/Composition
Cladding	Brick - Flemish
Cladding	Stucco
Cladding	Brick - Common Bond
Structural System	Masonry - Brick
Plan	Rectangle

Styles:

Period	Style Details
Early 20th Century American Movements (1900-1940)	Commercial

Surveyor Opinion

Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): Yes

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local): Yes

Significance narrative:

The resource does not appear individually eligible for National Register of Historic Places listing. The resource is within an eligible National Register of Historic Places historic district. The resource appears to retain integrity such that it could contribute to the eligible Downtown Renton historic district.

While the resource retains integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association, it has diminished integrity of materials, design, and workmanship due to the alterations. The extent of alterations prevents the resource from conveying any significant historic associations.

The resource does not appear individually eligible under criterion A, as it lacks the ability to convey the historical associations of the pattern of events significant to the historical development of Renton's downtown. Research did not identify a specific event associated with the resource.

The resource does not appear individually eligible under criterion B, as preliminary research did not identify an association with an important person in history.

The resource does not appear individually eligible under criterion C, since the resource has diminished integrity of materials, design, and workmanship due to alterations. Research did not identify methods of construction unique to the resource and the resource does not possess high artistic value.

The resource does not appear individually eligible under criterion D, as preliminary research did not identify any important information that can contribute to our understanding of human history.

Physical description:

Built in 1924, based on parapet signage, this two-story, Commercial style, two-part block form building features a rectangular plan.

A concrete foundation supports the brick masonry structure. Exterior finishes consist of Flemish bond brick, common bond brick, and stucco.

The building features a flat roof with parapet and asphalt composition roofing.

The building has anodized aluminum replacement windows.

The main entrance is recessed and consists of an anodized aluminum replacement door flanked by single light side lights with a fixed transom above. An added flat canopy projects off the front facade.

Alterations include extensive window, and extensive cladding changes. The plan is intact.

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